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Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowability dated June 19, 2000, applicant submits 12 sheets of formal drawings to be made of record in the above-identified case.

Respectfully submitted,

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